

# Rapid Watershed Assessment Net Conference

Audio Call-in Information

Dial-in Number: 888-809-8965

Passcode: RWA

Please Mute your Phones \*6

**We will begin shortly...**

# RWA Net Training

## AGENDA

Welcome

Opening Comments

RWA National Perspective

Organizing and Coordinating  
RWA effort

GIS Data Development for Profile  
Automation Tricks, Data Conversion  
across State boundaries

Using Assessment Matrix Template

Value Added analysis

Questions and Answers

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# Welcome

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# Opening Comments

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# Rapid Watershed Assessments— A National Perspective

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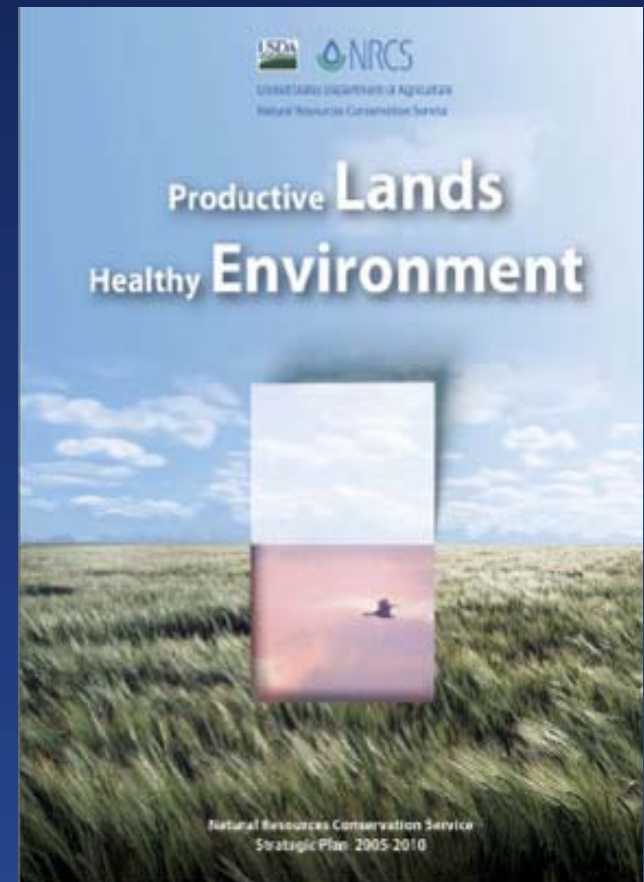
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# NRCS Strategic Plan

## Overarching Strategies

- Cooperative Conservation
- Watershed Approach
- Market-based Approach



# Rapid Watershed Assessments

Provide a general picture of resource concerns for a broad area, an estimate of the conservation needs, and an estimate of funding needs as well as potential sources of funding.

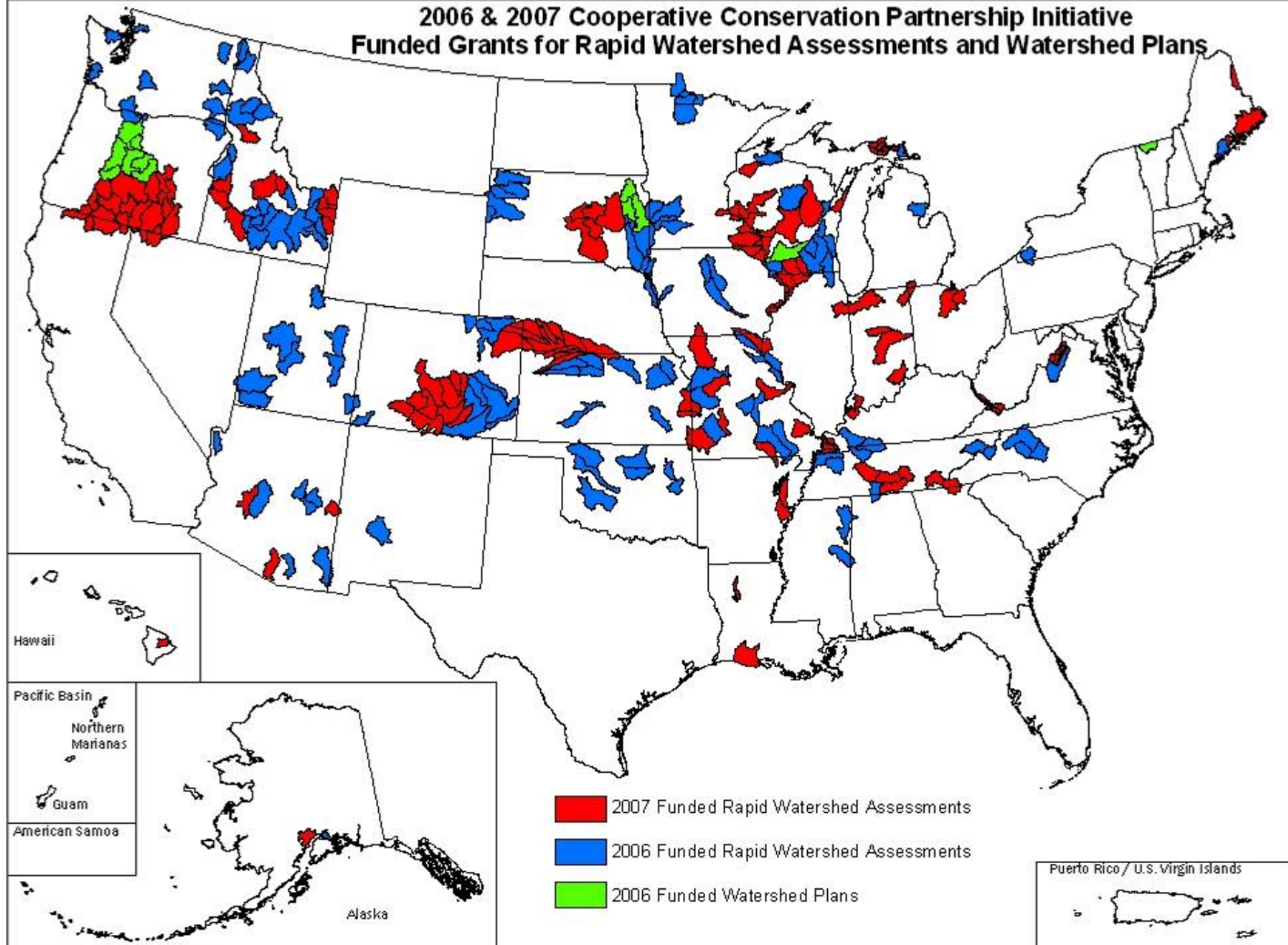


## Recent Steps

- Rapid watershed assessment methodology and guidance was developed and posted on website
- In FY 2006, funded \$3 million through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative for developing rapid watershed assessments (8-digit HUCs).
- In FY 2007, funded \$2 million through the CCPI for developing rapid watershed assessments (8-, 10-, & 12-digit HUCs).



2006 & 2007 Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative  
Funded Grants for Rapid Watershed Assessments and Watershed Plans



# Rapid Watershed Assessment Information on the Web



<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/rwa/index.html>

# NRCS State RWA Info on the Web (*so far...*)

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Delaware
- Idaho
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Utah
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin

## FY 2008 Agency Business Plan

- Increase number of Rapid Watershed Assessments through internal RFP— *on hold for right now*
- Complete “lessons learned” report for the FY06 CCPI-funded RWA pilot watersheds— *questionnaire responses in to NHQ on March 14, 2008*
- Provide national net-based training on developing RWA profiles and using assessment matrix template— *today's training*